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REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 8, 9, 11-19 and 21 stand finally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11 of Brugger et al. (6,156,419) in view of Malhotra (5,589,277). Claim 20 stands rejected under the same basis further in view of Floegel et al. (6,284,339), Uemura et al. (6,153,305) and Kasahara et al. (6,165,606).

Applicant's previous amendments and arguments have overcome all other previous grounds of rejections.

Claim 18 has been amended to conform to the language in Claims 1 and 17. No new matter has been added.

Applicant herein submits a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection (along with the required fee payment). The Examiner has already acknowledged, by evidence previously presented, that that pending application and U.S. Patent No. 6,156,419 are commonly owned by ILFORD Imaging Switzerland GmbH.

Accordingly, all objections are now overcome and Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment. Reconsideration of this application and allowance of Claims 1, 3, 5, 8, 9 and 11-21 are hereby requested. If a telephone interview would be useful to advance this case, then the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

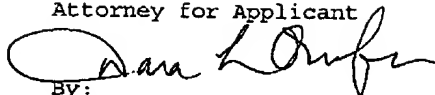
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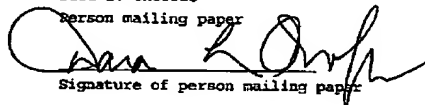
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